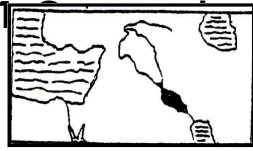
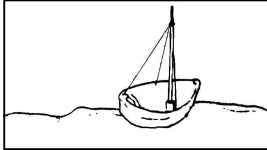


## Questions to Ask About a Culture



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates river
- Mesopotamia's valley between rivers (Greek)
- Weather much the same as today (hot in summer 40 degrees) (cold in winter below 0 degrees c)

### 2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- Spoke unique language (became widely used)

### 3. Religion and Philosophy



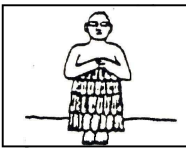
- Worshiped 3000 deities
- Believed that there are deities for everything example( water)
- Built ziggurats (for worshiping deities) only some upperclassmen are allowed inside

### 4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Only wealthy sons went to school( ran by priests)
- Learned arithmetic, reading, writing and religious study
- Made two kinds of writing system (cuneiform, pictograph)

### 5. Political Science



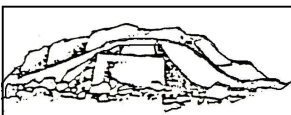
- Settled into city-states( own rules and government)
- Uruk most powerful city-state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

### 6. Sociology



- 3 groups men, women and slaves
- Men head of household, arranged weddings and education and paid debt by selling family member
- Women had some rights. Slaves treated fairly

### 7. History



- Referred to as "cradle of civilization"
- First known civilization found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest